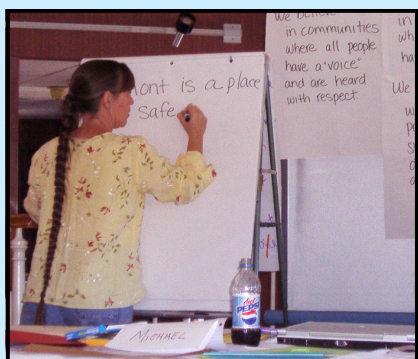
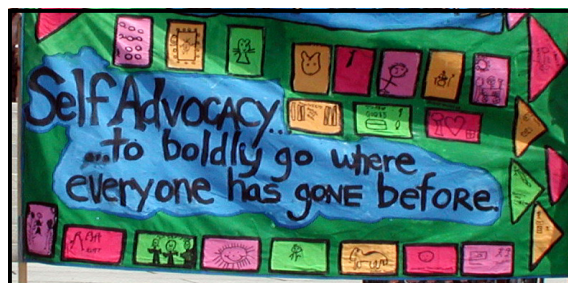


We Believe...

- * In communities where all people have a "voice" and are heard with respect;*
- * In safe communities where all people have equal value;*
- * In communities that are friendly and support equality and fulfilling relationships;*



- * With opportunities, people grow and share their dreams and abilities; and*
- * That the humanity we share is more important than our different abilities.*



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**The Mission of VTDDC
is to help build connections
and supports that bring people
with developmental disabilities
and their families
into the heart
of Vermont communities.**

What is VTDDC?

The Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council is a state-wide board that works to increase public awareness about critical issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families. 14 of its 23 members are self-advocates and family members.

VTDDC follows the federal definition of developmental disability:

A disability that begins before age 22 and substantially affects three or more activities of daily life such as self-care, communication, movement, learning, self-direction, independent living, and employability.

Each year VTDDC uses its federal funds to support projects in public education, leadership training, and advocacy aimed at enhancing services and supports, community participation and choice. The Executive Committee Fund provides help to individuals and family members to attend trainings and conferences.

People with developmental disabilities and their families play a key role at VTDDC in deciding how to use funds to have the greatest impact .

We always welcome your input. Let us know what works and what doesn't. What needs to change?

VTDDC funds help people with developmental disabilities by supporting:



Outreach



Legislator Education



Self-Advocacy



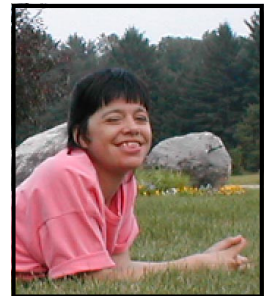
Training

Vermonters helped by VTDDC grants say:

"I learned that I AM ABLE...."

"am alive and every day is a party."

"Open more doors for me to run through."



"He wanted everyone to see that he was part of this group!"



"He got a lot just from the first two hours, by feeling accepted and ... not different!"

"One of the biggest benefits of attending [the seminar] is spending time with others going through the same things we are, who are the best sources of information and help."

"Parents need to be strong advocates... and try to educate as many people as possible."